ANNE, by the Grace of God, of *England*, *Scotland*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c. **To All** and Singular Archbiſhops, Biſhops, Archdeacons, Deans, and their Officials, Parſons, Vicars, Curates, and all other ſpiritual Perſons: And alſo to all Juſtices of the Peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, Bayliffs, Conſtables, Church-Wardens, Chappel-Wardens, Headboroughs, Collectors for the Poor, and their Overſeers: And alſo to all Officers of Cities, Boroughs, and Towns Corporate: And to all other Our Officers, Miniſters, and Subjects, whatſoever they be, as well within Liberties as without, to whom theſe Preſents ſhall come, **Greeting.**

Whereas, In the late dreadful Storm and Tempeſt, which happened on the Twenty Sixth and Twenty Seventh Days of *November* laſt paſt, many Seamen and Mariners, as well in Our Service and Pay, as in the Service and Pay of ſeveral of Our Subjects, Merchants, and others, have loſt their Lives, and thereby their Widows and Children are left in a very deplorable Condition, and deprived of their ordinary means of Support and Livelihood; of whoſe Misfortune and Calamities We declare Our Self highly ſenſible, And therefore have thought fit to grant them Our Letters Patents for gathering the Alms of all Our Loving Subjects, whoſe Hearts God ſhall move to contribute to the Relief of their preſſing Wants and Neceſſities.

Know Ye therefore, That of Our eſpecial Grace and Princely Compaſſion, We have Given and Granted, and by theſe Our Letters Patents under Our Great Seal of *England*, do Give and Grant unto the ſaid poor Widows and Orphans, full Power, Licence and Authority to ask, gather, receive and take (in manner, and according to the Rules ſpecified in theſe Preſents) the Alms and Charitable Benevolence of all Our Loving Subjects, not only Houſholders, but alſo Servants, Strangers and others, within Our Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and within all and every the Counties, Cities, Boroughs, Towns Corporate, Cinque-Ports, and Market-Towns, Privileged Places, Pariſhes, Chappelries, Towns, Villages, Hamlets, and all other Places whatſoever, within Our Kingdom of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick* upon *Tweed*. **And** We require and command all and ſingular the Archbiſhops and Biſhops of all the Provinces and Dioceſes within Our Kingdom of *England* and Dominion of *Wales* (unto whoſe paternal Care and Inſpection We chiefly Recommend the effectual Execution of theſe Our Letters Patents) that they and every of them do give a particular Recommendation and Command to all Parſons, Vicars and Curates of all and every the Pariſhes and other Places, as well within Liberties as without, within their reſpective Dioceſes, for the Advancement of this ſo pious and charitable a Work. **And Our** further Will and Pleaſure is, That the ſaid Archbiſhops and Biſhops do require their reſpective Archdeacons, within Ten Days after true Copies of theſe Our Letters Patents ſhall be delivered to them, or left for them, with the Regiſters of their reſpective Archdeaconries, to cauſe the ſame to be delivered by their reſpective Apparitors, to the Parſons, Vicars or Curates of all and every the Pariſhes and other Places aforeſaid, as well within Liberties as without, within the reſpective Archdeaconries to which they belong, (for which the ſaid Apparitors ſhall be allowed out of every Brief Six Pence only.) And the ſaid Parſons, Vicars or Curates, upon ſome *Sunday* within One Month then next coming, ſhall deliberately and affectionately publiſh and declare the Tenour of the ſame unto Our ſaid Loving Subjects, and earneſtly perſuade, exhort and ſtir them up to contribute freely and chearfully, towards the Relief of theſe poor Widows and Orphans. And the Church-Wardens in all the ſaid Cities, Boroughs, and Towns Corporate, Cinque-Ports and Market-Towns, are hereby required, on the Week-days next following, to go from Houſe to Houſe in their reſpective Pariſhes, to ask and receive from all the Pariſhioners, as well Maſters, Miſtreſſes, and Servants, as others in their Families, their Chriſtian and Charitable Contributions, and to take the Names in Writing, of all ſuch as ſhall contribute thereunto, and the Sum and Sums by them reſpectively given. And after ſuch Collection made, they are, in the preſence of the reſpective Inhabitants, on the next Lords-day following, to ſubſcribe the whole Sums upon the ſaid Briefs, under their Hands, in Words at length and not in Figures; and alſo to enter them in the Books of Accounts for the ſaid Pariſhes and Chappelries reſpectively, and the Places where, and the Times when ſuch Sums were collected. And they are to deliver the ſaid Briefs, together with the Monies collected thereupon, to the ſaid Parſons, Vicars and Curates reſpectively: And the ſaid Parſons, Vicars and Curates are, within Two Months then next coming, to ſend the ſaid Monies, together with the ſaid Briefs, unto the Regiſter or Regiſters of their reſpective Archdeacons, or (if the Pariſh be Exempt) to the Regiſter of the Archdeacon within the Compaſs of whoſe Archdeaconry the ſaid Pariſh lieth. And for the better Performance of this ſo pious and charitable a Work, the ſaid Parſons, Vicars and Curates reſpectively are required, where conveniently they may, to accompany the Church-Wardens in asking and receiving the Contributions, or procure ſome other of the chief Inhabitants in the ſaid Pariſhes to do the ſame. And Our Will and Pleaſure is, That the Church-Wardens of every other Pariſh where theſe Our Letters Patents, or a true Copy thereof, ſhall be read, do collect the Charity of each Pariſhioner, in the Church or Chappel of their reſpective Pariſhes, in the uſual manner, after the Reading thereof; and ſhall indorſe the Sum collected upon the ſaid printed Copy, in manner aforeſaid, and pay the ſame unto the Parſon, Vicar or Curate of their Pariſhes: Which ſaid Parſon, Vicar or Curate ſhall, after the Recipt of the ſaid Monies, make Return thereof, together with the printed Briefs, within Two Months then next coming, to the Regiſter of his reſpective Archdeacon, as aforeſaid. And where there is no Incumbent, the Collector or Collectors ſhall pay the ſaid Monies to the reſpective Archdeacons Regiſter, as aforeſaid. And We do hereby command and require, That the Archdeacons, or their reſpective Regiſters of the ſeveral Archdeaconries, ſhall return the ſaid Collections within one Month next after their Receipt thereof, into the Chamber of Our City of *London*. And Our further Will and Pleaſure is, And We do hereby, for the better Advancement of this Our pious Intention, require and command the Biſhops and all other Dignitaries in the Church, that they make their Contributions diſtinctly to be returned in the ſeveral Provinces, to the reſpective Archbiſhops of the ſame. And We do recommend it to all Heads and Governours and Fellows of Colleges and Halls in both Our Univerſities, that they and every of them will contribute their free and charitable Benevolence herein, and return the ſame to the ſaid Chamber of Our City of *London*.

And We do hereby further require and command all Preachers and Teachers in the ſeparate Congregations and Meetings of Proteſtant Diſſenters, That within One Month after theſe Our Letters Patents, or true Copies thereof, ſhall be brought to them from or by the Church-Wardens of the reſpective Pariſhes where the ſaid Congregations and Meetings are held, they do publiſh and declare the Tenour of the ſame in their reſpective Congregations, and earneſtly perſuade and exhort the Hearers and Members of their reſpective Congregations liberally to contribute towards the Relief of theſe diſtreſſed Widows and fatherleſs Children; And that they do cauſe the Charity of their reſpective Congregations to be duly collected, and the Sums collected to be indorſed upon the ſaid printed Copies, and ſigned by the ſaid Preachers and Teachers, with the time and Place when and where the ſaid Collections were made, and that they do cauſe the Sums ſo collected, together with the ſaid printed Briefs or Copies to be returned to the Church-Wardens from whom they received the printed Briefs or Copies; who are hereby required to pay the ſaid Sums, together with the other Collections of the ſaid Pariſh, as is herein before directed.

And to the intent that all the Monies to be collected by Vertue of theſe Our Letters Patents, may be fully and effectually paid into the Chamber of *London*, for the Benefit of the ſaid poor diſtreſſed Widows and Orphans, We do hereby direct and require all Parſons, Vicars and Curates, by a Letter under their Hands, to *William Borrett* Eſquire, Sollicitor for the Affairs of Our Treaſury, at his Chambers in the *Inner-Temple*, *London*, to be ſent by the General Poſt, to ſignifie to the ſaid *William Borrett* what Sum they reſpectively have collected upon this Brief, and to whom they have paid the ſame, and when; and to ſet down in their ſaid Letters the Name of their reſpective Pariſh, and in what County and Archdeaconry the ſaid Pariſh lieth. **And** We do hereby Conſtitute, Nominate and Appoint Our Moſt Dearly Beloved Husband, His Royal Highneſs Prince *George* of *Denmark*, Lord High-Admiral of *England*, and the Lord High-Admiral for the time being, The moſt Reverend Father in God the Lord Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, The Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of *England*, The Lord Archbiſhop of *York*, The Lord High-Treaſurer of *England*, The Lord Preſident of Our Council, The Duke of *Buckingham* Keeper of Our Privy Seal, The Duke of *Somerſet* Maſter of Our Horſe, The Duke of *Devonſhire* Lord Steward of Our Houſhold, The Lord Chamberlain of Our Houſhold, The Earl of *Nottingham* One of Our Principal Secretaries of State, The Right Reverend Fathers in God the Lords Biſhops of *London*, *Wincheſter*, *Durham*, *Rocheſter*, *Sarum*, *Ely*, *Norwich*, *Chicheſter*, *Bangor*, *Carliſle*, and St. *Aſaph*, The Chancellor of Our Duchy of *Lancaſter*, The Lord Chief Juſtice *Holt*, The Lord Chief Juſtice *Trevor*, The Lord Chief Baron *Ward*, Sir *Charles Hedges* Knight, One of Our Principal Secretaries of State, Our Attorney-General, Our Sollicitor-General, The Lord-Mayor, Sheriffs and Aldermen of Our City of *London* for the time being, Sir *David Mitchell* Knight, *George Churchill* Eſquire, *James Bridges* Eſquire, *George Clarke* Eſquire, *Joſia Burchett* Eſquire, *William Borrett* Eſquire, Doctor *Sherlock* Dean of St. *Pauls* in *London*, Doctor *Godolphin* Provoſt of *Eton*, Dr. *Freeman* Dean of *Peterborough*, Doctor *Haley* Dean of *Chicheſter*, Doctor *Wake* Dean of *Exeter*, Doctor *Stanley*, Doctor *Younger*, Doctor *Lancaſter*, Doctor *Manningham*, Doctor *Birch*, Doctor *Gibſon*, Sir *John Cooke* Knight, Dean of the Arches, Doctor *Newton* Chancellor of *London*, Doctor *Bramſton*, Doctor *Waller*, Doctor *Lloyd*, Doctor *Beveridge*, and Doctor *Mapletoft*; or any Five or more of them, (whereof the Lord Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, the Lord Archbiſhop of *York*, the Biſhops of *London*, *Rocheſter*, *Ely*, *Norwich*, and St. *Aſaph*, the Lord-Mayor of *London*, *William Borrett*, the Dean of St. *Pauls*, Doctor *Freeman*, Doctor *Haley*, and Doctor *Wake*, or any of them, We will ſhall be One) to be Truſtees for the paying and diſpoſing of the ſaid Monies that ſhall be collected hereupon, as aforeſaid. And We do hereby Authorize and Appoint the ſaid Truſtees, or any ſuch Five or more of them, as aforeſaid, to direct the Payment and Diſpoſition of all the ſaid Monies ſo to be collected (deducting firſt thereout, and allowing ſuch neceſſary Expences for Management and the Execution of theſe Preſents, as they ſhall think reaſonable) to and amongſt the ſaid diſtreſſed Widows and Orphans, as the ſaid Truſtees, or any ſuch Five or more of them, as aforeſaid, in their Diſcretion ſhall think fit; whoſe Orders and Directions herein, the Chamberlain of Our ſaid City of *London* is hereby required to obſerve. And We do hereby direct and command, That, with all convenient Speed, the ſaid ſeveral Archdeacons and their reſpective Regiſters ſhall and do make Returns to their reſpective Biſhops, and the reſpective Biſhop unto the Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, of all the ſaid printed Copies of theſe Preſents, and an Accompt of what Sums they have received thereupon, and that their reſpective Accounts be ſtated in Words at Length, and not in Figures only, and ſubſcribed with their own Hands. **In Witneſs** whereof, We have cauſed theſe Our Letters to be made Patents. **Witneſs** Our Self, at *Weſtminſter*, the Three and Twentieth Day of *December*, in the Second Year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

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